# REPORTS

OF THE

# COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,

## COUNTY TREASURER,

AND OTHER

## OFFICERS OF CHESHIRE COUNTY,

FOR THE

## YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1886.

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# COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

KEENE, N. H., May 1, 1886.

*To the Citizens of Cheshire County:*

We respectfully submit the annual report of the business affairs of the county and the reports of other county officers relative to the business under their supervision, for the year ending April 30, 1886.

## THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE COUNTY.

The debt of the county, bearing interest, has been reduced $3000 since the last annual report. It is now $40,500.

The appropriation of $27,000 for 1885 was insufficient to meet the demands upon the treasury, which were increased by reason of the extraordinary expenses incurred in the erection of new county buildings, and increased pauper expenses resulting from changes in the pauper laws, which were not anticipated when the appropriation was made, hence the increase of $8400 in the county tax for 1886. In the appropriation for 1886 they were provided for, and, also, the payment of $7000 of the county debt.

For further information respecting the financial affairs of the county we refer to the Treasurer's report herewith submitted.

## COUNTY FARM AND ALMSHOUSE.

The Superintendent and Matron, Mr. and Mrs. Whitman, and their assistants, have discharged their respective duties and trusts with fidelity, and it is a satisfaction to again express our confidence that they will manage the institution

for the best interest of the county and the comfort and happiness of the weak and friendless poor committed to their care, by securing their services for another year.

During the year several additions and improvements, greatly needed, have been made.

An additional supply of water has been brought into the new reservoir constructed last year from a pure spring flowing from the hillside, a third of a mile or more beyond the former source of supply, which, in our opinion, will furnish an abundance of excellent water for all purposes.

The increase of water supply has made it possible to put within the almshouse two modern water closets, one in each of the bath rooms on the lower floor and adjoining the sitting rooms of the male and female apartments, for the convenience and use of the aged and infirm. Heretofore the old vault closets in the south end of the wash house, some thirty feet or more outside of the almshouse, were the only closets in use, and the females all had to pass through the hall of the male apartment and outdoors to reach them, making it very troublesome to the Superintendent to maintain proper discipline at all times, and the exposure in bad weather was very trying to the inmates in feeble health. The improvement has long been greatly needed, but the limited supply of water made it impracticable.

Those who have had occasion to travel the road past the almshouse will rejoice that the old cesspool has been removed from the roadside and a great nuisance abated.

The above and other improvements spoken of in the Superintendent's report, which follows, increases the comfort of the inmates, makes the supervision and work easier and the sanitary condition of the institution better.

Since the last annual report the woodwork of the almshouse and the Superintendent's house has been thoroughly painted.

## JAIL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

The total expenditure of maintaining the jail and house of correction at Keene, as shown in the financial statement

herewith submitted, is $2,913.22. This sum, a careful examination of the statement will show, is largely in excess of the actual current expenses, for the year. It will be seen by examining the items, that a sum of $400 was paid for the Hirsch lot, that nearly $800 were paid for filling, grading and improving the grounds about the buildings, and that over $200 were expended in sheathing the boiler and coal room, and completing the furnishing of the cells, etc., all of which should be added to the investment.

There is due from the city of Keene $300 or more for board of city convicts. The exact amount we are unable to state, as the account has not yet been examined and settled.

The actual current expenses of the institution, not including the interest on the investment, will not exceed the sum of $1200.

There have been 94 commitments since April 1, 1885, the date when the house was opened.

Considerable expense has been incurred in filling and grading the grounds, and as much more will have to be laid out to complete the work as it should be.

The several towns in the county, and individuals who desired, were invited to furnish a tree to be transplanted on the grounds Arbor Day. Nearly one hundred trees were contributed and transplanted, which eventually will add very much to the beauty of the grounds. Each tree or shrub is numbered and its location designated upon a plan of the lot, and a record is made of the number and name of the contributor and the tree or shrub contributed.

The house of correction at Westmoreland, by vote of the county convention, is continued and a limited number of convicts, such as can be retained there without much trouble and whose labor can be utilized more for the interest of the county there than at Keene, are committed or transferred from Keene.

## OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor in the several towns in the county have generally cordially co-operated with the Commissioners in the management of the outside county poor,

and in adjusting the claims for relief furnished them, and we desire to thank each and all of them for the aid and courtesy shown us.

JOSEPH B. ABBOTT,
ALFRED W. BURT,
ELBRIDGE KINGSBURY,
*County Commisssoners.*

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

## ORDERS AND RECEIPTS.

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| Orders drawn on Treasurer, | $25,679 00 | |
| By amount drawn on pay rolls, | 292 06 | |
| | | $25,971 06 |

### COUNTY FARM.

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|---|---|---|
| A. J. Blake, guardian, board Alpheus Hardy, | $397 42 | |
| Mary Livingston, pension money, | 40 00 | |
| Town of Hinsdale, account L. B. Doolittle, | 7 50 | |
| Town of Hinsdale, board E. L. Barrett, | 6 08 | |
| Town of Surry, board B. Crosby, | 196 40 | |
| Town of Swanzey, board Grace Hale, | 192 76 | |
| Town of Winchester, board Georgiana Cook, | 23 83 | |
| Pigs sold, | 113 50 | |
| Two yearling steers, | 50 00 | |
| One three-year-old steer, | 40 00 | |
| Oats, | 19 82 | |
| Hides, | 11 30 | |
| Beef, | 34 62 | |
| Use of scales, | 1 20 | |
| Eggs, | 1 41 | |
| Dried Apples, | 1 30 | |
| Use of animal, | 6 00 | |
| Flour barrels, | 6 86 | |
| Cash from sundry persons, | 2 50 | |
| Miscellaneous receipts, | 13 80 | |
| Vinegar, | 12 90 | |
| Use of team, | 3 00 | |
| | | $1,182 ~~03~~ 20 |

MISCELLANEOUS.

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|---|---|---|
| Town of Winchester, board Geo. Doucette at State Industrial School, | $78 00 | |
| Leedham case, account of costs, | 15 00 | |
| Town of Walpole, board Chas. Farnsworth at State Industrial School, | 117 00 | |
| City of Keene, use of court house for election and police court purposes, | 50 00 | |
| H. A. Perry, coal stove, | 20 00 | |
| Town of Chesterfield, costs, | 7 04 | |
| W. H. Spalter, wood stove, | 5 00 | |
| Philomathian Society, room rent, | 7 50 | |
| Town of Alstead, error in bill, | 4 00 | |
| A. W. Eastman, grass on Mitchell place, | 6 00 | |
| Sundry items, | 50 | |
| E. K. Seabury, fines collected, | 30 00 | |
| J. H. Heald, fines Wm. Kennedy, Geo. Hobert and Chas. Hobert, | 15 00 | |
| J. C. Rice, fines and costs, Wm. Saunders, | 5 76 | |
| " " " John Leonard, | 4 40 | |
| " " " Patrick Foley, | 8 52 | |
| " " " I. E. Withington, | 7 88 | |
| " " " Abby Driscoll, | 76 74 | |
| " " " John Burns, | 5 76 | |
| " " " James Venall, | 6 53 | |
| " " " Jas. Munhall, | 25 87 | |
| " " " Geo. Phillips, | 15 08 | |
| H. F. Hortens, fines and costs collected, | 57 00 | |
| S. O. Gates, cash refunded, | 10 48 | |
| | | $579 06 |

## EXPENDITURES.

COUNTY FARM AND ALMSHOUSE EXPENSES.

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|---|---|
| Davis, Wright & Co., hardware, work, etc., | $22 50 |
| N. E. Telephone and Telegraph Co., telephone service, | 7 70 |
| Asa Whitman, horse, | 160 00 |

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| Ætna Rubber Mills, rubber blankets, | $15 25 |
| Chase & Richards, clothing, | 2 15 |
| N. E. Telephone and Telegraph Co., telephone service, | 5 00 |
| Eames & Towne, meal, etc., | 17 25 |
| Dr. G. W. Chamberlain, professional services, | 25 85 |
| J. B. Abbott, agent, invalid bedsteads, | 70 00 |
| Nims, Whitney & Co., lumber, | 36 42 |
| A. B. & S. W. Skinner, oilcloth, etc., | 9 75 |
| Wheeler & Sheldon, fertilizer, | 34 80 |
| Albert Thompson, phosphates, | 36 65 |
| Davis, Wright & Co., tarred pipe, | 97 92 |
| Dr. G. W. Chamberlain, professional services, | 5 50 |
| N. E. Haskell, painting, | 40 00 |
| Geo. E. Holbrook & Co., almshouse supplies, | 453 34 |
| Albert E. Fish, door and window screens, | 5 00 |
| C. Bridgman, groceries, | 25 10 |
| Wm. G. Hall, dry goods, | 4 02 |
| Wm. P. Chamberlain, dry goods, | 34 29 |
| Bullard & Foster, medical supplies, | 50 00 |
| Boston Branch Shoe Store, boots and shoes, | 32 85 |
| C. M. Cummings, boots and shoes, | 10 83 |
| Chase & Richards, clothing, | 18 21 |
| Spencer & Co., coal, hardware, etc., | 488 57 |
| N. E. Farmer, subscription, | 2 15 |
| G. H. Tilden, stationery, | 1 56 |
| Cheshire Railroad, freight, | 43 53 |
| R. J. Roberts, goods, | 1 20 |
| G. H. Piper, dry goods, | 98 |
| E. Mitchell, steam cooker, | 5 50 |
| J. W. Titus, tinware, | 4 60 |
| C. L. Goodwin, settees, | 6 00 |
| C. L. Stoddard, berries, | 2 00 |
| A. L. Graves, labor, | 1 00 |
| W. A. Burt, labor, | 1 00 |

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| Ida A. Hubbard, labor, | $1 00 |
| John Works, sections to repair mower, | 9 00 |
| N. E. Haskell, painting, | 30 00 |
| H. P. Farr, cutting oats, | 9 00 |
| Wm. L. Blanchard, medicine, | 2 00 |
| J. H. Robbins, thrashing, | 18 57 |
| H. E. Fay, repairing timepieces, | 3 75 |
| Patrick Couliton, labor, | 23 00 |
| N. S. Amidon, labor, | 5 00 |
| N. E. Haskell, labor, | 2 00 |
| John Webber, labor, | 54 25 |
| G. C. Wells, blacksmithing, | 12 05 |
| Wilkinson & McGregor, harness straps, etc., | 8 50 |
| J. E. Fuller, horse rake, | 27 00 |
| Warren Streeter, labor, | 1 10 |
| Alexander Paine, labor, | 3 00 |
| John Works, parts of mowing machine, | 1 90 |
| F. D. Kendall, meat, | 13 47 |
| E. Clarke, light reflectors, | 1 25 |
| John Cowdery, coffins, etc., | 48 32 |
| E. Livingston, store goods, | 7 54 |
| Roswell Foster, services as chaplain, | 18 00 |
| J. B. Mason, services as chaplain, | 2 00 |
| David Russell, horse feed, | 8 35 |
| Geo. A. Butterfield, expenses, | 2 20 |
| F. F. Wilcox, meal, | 3 87 |
| Leonard Wilcox, lumber, | 72 90 |
| A. G. Bryant, blacksmithing, | 95 |
| H. J. Dutton, blacksmithing, | 6 08 |
| W. B. Britton, labor, | 20 50 |
| B. Leach, use of mill, | 2 00 |
| F. A. Cole, meat, | 42 08 |
| A. A. Whitman, expenses, | 12 25 |
| E. J. Goodnow, lumber, | 15 03 |
| Warren & Leonard, store goods, | 58 84 |
| John Woods, labor, | 7 00 |
| N. J. Hawley, store goods, | 4 12 |
| John Works, inquisition, | 1 50 |

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| G. W. Chamberlain, inquisition, | $3 | 00 |
| H. T. Johnson, vibrating telephone, | 14 | 35 |
| Republican Press Association, paper, | 1 | 25 |
| H. J. Dutton, blacksmithing, | 12 | 57 |
| Dort & Chandler, wall paper, etc., | 8 | 25 |
| W. B. Britton, ice, | 2 | 70 |
| Rufus E. Guillow, fare to Keene, | | 40 |
| Dr. J. F. Butler, professional services, | 2 | 00 |
| C. M. Cummings, boots, shoes, etc., | 39 | 28 |
| Wilkinson & McGregor, harness, extras, and repairs, | 16 | 65 |
| Elbridge Clarke, lamps, etc., | 3 | 22 |
| E. Livingston, store goods, | 6 | 10 |
| John Cowdry, coffins, etc:, | 29 | 18 |
| E. J. Goodnow, sawing lumber, | 3 | 55 |
| Warren & Leonard, store goods, | 60 | 70 |
| J. N. Hallack, for "Christian at Work," | 5 | 20 |
| Asa A. Whitman, incidental expenses, | 19 | 70 |
| A. P. Richardson, use of team, | 1 | 00 |
| Geo. A. Butterfield, incidental expenses, | 2 | 25 |
| Rev. Jehiel Claflin, services as chaplain, | 16 | 00 |
| Mrs. A. J. Higley, services as asst. matron, | 75 | 00 |
| Mrs. Lucy A. Goodell, services as asst. matron, | 175 | 00 |
| Geo. H. Butterfield, services as assistant superintendent, | 300 | 00 |
| Mr. & Mrs. A. A. Whitman, salary, | 900 | 00 |
| Town of Westmoreland, taxes, 1885, | 97 | 34 |
| J. S. Taft & Co., crockery, | 7 | 81 |
| Fisher & Newton, stone posts, | 25 | 00 |
| Laton Martin, carriage hire, | 7 | 00 |
| Knowlton & Stone, drain pipe, | 61 | 91 |
| J. C. Rice, coffee and tea urn, | 8 | 00 |
| Dr. J. A. Craig, professional services, | 48 | 00 |
| F. E. Keyes, plants, seeds, etc., | 1 | 43 |
| Fisher & Jackson, furniture, | 26 | 50 |
| N. E. Telephone and Telegraph Company, telephone service, | 5 | 00 |

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| Eames &. Towne, meal, etc., | $66 15 | |
| Brown Bros. & Co., water fixtures and papers, | 5 83 | |
| William P. Chamberlain, blankets, | 86 08 | |
| C. W. Wyman, meat, | 8 75 | |
| Boston Branch Grocery, groceries, | 29 95 | |
| N. E. Telephone and Telegraph Company, telephone service, | 5 00 | |
| Woodbury & Howard, furniture, | 39 50 | |
| Davis, Wright & Co., iron pipe, water closets, etc., | 314 19 | |
| C. Bridgman, flour, | 117 50 | |
| Bullard & Foster, medicines, etc., | 12 68 | |
| A. B. & S. W. Skinner, oil carpet, etc., | 16 25 | |
| Eames & Towne, meal, etc., | 37 95 | |
| N. E. Telephone and Telegraph Company, telephone service, | 5 00 | |
| Daniel D. Kepple, repairs of steam works, | 25 84 | |
| G. E. Holbrook & Co., sugar, molasses, etc., | 140 21 | |
| C. Bridgman, soda, | 4 26 | |
| Dr. J. A. Craig, professional services, | 42 70 | |
| J. M. Farnnm, meal, etc., | 21 80 | |
| Willard Bill, Jr., wood and timber, | 55 00 | |
| H. F. Bond, repairs, | 7 20 | |
| B. F. Atcherson, ox-cart, | 57 35 | |
| N. E. Telephone and Telegraph Company, telephone service, | 5 20 | |
| Spencer & Co., paint, stock, etc., | 74 54 | |
| Bullard & Foster, medicines, etc., | 17 18 | |
| Eames & Towne, meal, etc., | 51 20 | |
| Charles Abbott, seed corn, | 4 50 | |
| | | $5,574 99 |

RELIEF TO OUTSIDE POOR.

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| Alstead, relief to county paupers, | $238 12 |
| Chesterfield, " " " | 248 63 |
| Dublin, " " " | 66 57 |

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| Fitzwilliam, relief to county paupers, | $250 96 | |
| Gilsum, " " " | 528 95 | |
| Harrisville, " " " | 143 98 | |
| Hinsdale, " " " | 560 15 | |
| Jaffrey, " " " | 195 64* | |
| Keene, " " " | 2,762 28 | |
| Marlboro', " " " | 575 83 | |
| Marlow, " " " | 127 69 | |
| Nelson, " " " | 66 71 | |
| Richmond, " " " | 320 17 | |
| Rindge, " " " | 308 94 | |
| Roxbury, " " " | ——— | |
| Stoddard, " " " | 569 31 | |
| Sullivan, " " " | 41 07 | |
| Surry, " " " | ——— | |
| Swanzey, " " " | 166 01 | |
| Troy, " " " | 210 65 | |
| Walpole, " " " | 409 79 | |
| Westmoreland, " " | 354 73 | |
| Winchester, " " | 663 68 | |
| | ——— | $8,889 86 |

MISCELLANEOUS CLAIMS FOR SUPPORT AND RELIEF.

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|---|---|
| N. H. Asylum for the Insane, board and care of county insane, | $2,481 56 |
| State Industrial School, board, etc., | 702 00 |
| City of Keene, taxes on Mitchell place, | 3 64 |
| Jacob Staples conveyance of pauper, | 3 50 |
| Bullard & Foster, medicines, | 4 60 |
| Dr. J. A. Craig, professional services, | 85 |
| Fisher & Jackson, coffins, | 15 00 |
| Dr. Geo. H. Bridgman, professional services, | 10 00 |
| Dr. Geo. S. Foster, professional services, | 3 50 |
| Emma F. Breed, aid to Sarah Thayer, | 1 50 |
| Laton Martin, carriage hire, | 9 00 |

*Claim of $135 20 outstanding.

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| N. E. Telephone and Telegraph Co., telephone services, | $30 90 | |
| Dr. G. C. Hill, professional services, | 73 00 | |
| | | $3,339 05 |
| | | $12,148 91 |

COURT HOUSE EXPENSES AND REPAIRS.

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|---|---|
| C. E. Wood, repairs, | $5 95 |
| Davis, Wright & Co., repairs, | 60 |
| Keene Water Works, water rent, | 16 00 |
| Mrs. John Ryan, sweeping and cleaning, | 22 41 |
| Keene Gas Light Co., gas consumed, | 34 80 |
| Keene Furniture Co., library case and table, | 68 00 |
| N. E. Telephone and Telegraph Co., telephone service, | 33 50 |
| D. D. Kepple, repairs, etc., | 8 16 |
| A. B. & S. W. Skinner, feather duster, etc., | 2 00 |
| W. D. Britton, labor, | 2 00 |
| Geo. Holbrook & Co., grass seed for lawn, | 12 |
| Leon M. Abbott, attending steam heaters, | 56 00 |
| Spencer & Co., coal, etc., | 247 49 |
| Sawyer & Burnham, repairs, | 3 20 |
| F. E. Keyes, pail, etc., | 18 |
| Fisher & Jackson, repairs of furniture, | 9 50 |
| H. W. Brown, painting, | 3 25 |
| Brown Bros. & Co., closet fixtures and paper, | 5 83 |
| W. B. Fitch & Co., wood, | 6 30 |
| Woodbury & Howard, repairs, etc., | 2 20 |
| Davis, Wright & Co., brushes and repairs, | 2 80 |
| A. B. & S. W. Skinner, repairs of clock, | 1 50 |
| Keene Furniture Co., table for Probate office, | 30 00 |
| Almon A. Davis, wood, | 4 50 |

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| M. Armstrong, plumbing, | $16 75 | |
| J. E. Heald, ice, | 2 00 | |
| Bullard & Foster, matches, | 15 | |
| Norman G. Nims, attending steam heaters, | 75 00 | |
| Daniel Larabee, cleaning yard, | 1 88 | |
| C. E. Watkins, repairing matting, etc., | 2 70 | |
| J. B. Abbott, repairs, etc., | 1 15 | |
| H. A. Perry, pitcher, etc., | 2 44 | |
| Wm. P. Chamberlain, goods for draping, | 5 16 | |
| | | $673 52 |

JAIL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION EXPENSES.

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|---|---|
| David Wadsworth, board of E. Albee, | $32 87 |
| Davis, Wright & Co., hardware, labor, etc., | 46 68 |
| N. E. Telephone and Telegraph Co., telephone service, | 33 10 |
| Keene Water Works, water rent, | 37 34 |
| Chase & Richards, clothing, | 3 76 |
| D. D. Kepple, repairs, | 1 75 |
| Nims, Whitney & Co., lumber, | 1 10 |
| J. W. Cummings, services, | 6 00 |
| C. S. Coburn, window screens, | 34 25 |
| Spencer & Co., coal, etc., | 320 91 |
| Laton Martin, carriage hire, | 4 00 |
| Knowlton & Stone, padlock, | 2 00 |
| Sawyer & Burnham, ceiling boiler and coal room, | 108 34 |
| Fisher & Jackson, curtains and fixtures, | 16 85 |
| E. H. Fletcher, grading grounds, | 618 84 |
| L. E. Joslin, sand and loam, | 114 82 |
| A. P. French, surveying, | 58 00 |
| Davis, Wright & Co., stove furniture, etc., | 12 81 |
| Chase & Richards, clothing, | 6 70 |
| H. W. Hubbard, attaching locks to doors, | 4 00 |
| G. L. Burdett, grade stakes, | 3 00 |
| Spencer & Co., paint stock, etc., | 7 97 |

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| Keene Chair Co., chairs, | $7 25 | |
| Stratton Mills, blankets, | 87 50 | |
| J. C. Rice, board of prisoners, fees, etc., | 918 28 | |
| J. B. Abbott, conveyance, etc., | 2 60 | |
| H. A. Perry, hack hire, | 1 50 | |
| Isabell M. Hirsch, 2200 ft. of land, | 400 00 | |
| Hooper, Lewis & Co., record book, | 21 00 | |
| | | $2,913 22 |

SHERIFF AND DEPUTIES.

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|---|---|---|
| N. E. Telephone and Telegraph Co., messages, | $1 00 | |
| H. A. Perry, Sheriff, attendance at court, | 88 32 | |
| R. J. Holt, Deputy, attendance at court, | 82 50 | |
| S. O. Gates, Deputy, attendance at court, | 62 50 | |
| H. A. Perry, services and fees, | 12 02 | |
| H. A. Perry, salary, | 200 00 | |
| D. S. Swan, Deputy, services and fees, | 16 75 | |
| J. W. Babbitt, Deputy, services and fees, | 10 93 | |
| J. S. Walker, Deputy, services and fees, | 11 70 | |
| Ira D. Gates, messenger, | 46 50 | |
| Rev. C. E. Harrington, chaplain, | 2 00 | |
| Rev. G. W. Gallagher, chaplain, | 2 00 | |
| D. S. Willard, moving court library, | 1 00 | |
| | | $537 22 |

CORONER'S INQUESTS.

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| H. F. Horton, Coroner, cost of inquest on body of Chas. E. Hunter, | $60 87 | |
| J. B. Abbott, Coroner, cost of inquest on body of Harriet Columbia, | 46 26 | |
| Dr. M. Perkins als., post mortem examination of body of Harriet Columbia, | 35 74 | |
| Clark F. Rowell, Coroner, costs on account of inquest on body of Eli J. Mayette, | 12 62 | |
| | | $155 49 |

POLICE AND JUSTICE COURT CASES.—FEES OF OFFICERS AND WITNESSES.

PAY ROLL.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| No. 18. | State v. Henry DeBell, | $2 45 | |
| No. 21. | State v. Joseph S. Brigham, | 2 00 | |
| No. 23. | State v. Edward O'Neil, | 1 50 | |
| No. 24. | State v. Peter Market, | 2 00 | |
| No. 27. | State v. Julia A. Orne, | 1 50 | |
| No. 29. | State v. Samuel W. Priest, | 4 90 | |
| No. 30. | State v. John Burns, | 3 50 | |
| No. 31. | State v. James Clark, | 3 50 | |
| No. 32. | State v. James Miller, | 10 69 | |
| No. 33. | State v. Frank Brown, | 22 64 | |
| No. 34. | State v. Henry Duncan, | 2 68 | |
| No. 35. | State v. Stephen Harrington, | 18 32 | |
| No. 36. | State v. Stephen Harrington, | 6 92 | |
| No. 37. | State v. Susan E. Field, | 3 00 | |
| No. 38. | State v. Fred Joslin, | 9 05 | |
| No. 39. | State v. Thomas Lavine, | 13 74 | |
| No. 40. | State v. John and Eddie Cunningham, | 4 67 | |
| No. 42. | State v. Nelson E. Haskell, | 10 11 | |
| No. 43. | State v. Phillip Levine, | 6 48 | |
| No. 44. | State v. Jack Leonard, | 10 68 | |
| Leonard Wellington, services as counsel, | | 5 00 | |
| H. A. Perry, officer's fees, | | 2 99 | |
| J. B. Abbott, fees as special justice, | | 34 14 | |
| H. W. Thayer, officer's fees, | | 12 17 | |
| | | | $194 63 |

PRINTING AND STATIONERY.

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|---|---|---|
| N. E. Observer, printing, etc., | $35 30 | |
| Sentinel Printing Co., printing, etc., | 121 60 | |
| Office Register of Probate, stationery, | 75 | |
| W. H. Spalter & Co., stationery, etc., | 18 65 | |
| David Hamilton, pens, | 2 25 | |
| Probate Office, blanks, | 73 51 | |
| Darling & Kimball, printing blanks, | 13 25 | |
| Office Register of Probate, | 5 70 | |
| | | $271 01 |

NOTES AND INTEREST.

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| Suffolk Savings Bank for Seamen and Others, note, | $2,000 00 | |
| Interest on sundry notes, | 1,407 50 | |
| | | $3,407 50 |

MISCELLANEOUS.

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|---|---|---|
| H. O. Coolidge, services as auditor, | $10 00 | |
| Samuel D. Bemis, services as auditor, | 10 00 | |
| Edmund P. Dole, salary as county solicitor, | 250 00 | |
| A. W. Mitchell, coroner's seal, | 6 25 | |
| Office County Commissioners, postage, | 11 48 | |
| Office Register of Probate, postage, | 4 75 | |
| C. C. Buffum, Register, recording deeds, | 1 12 | |
| Town of Roxbury, repairs of highways, | 64 56 | |
| Laton Martin, carriage hire, | 22 00 | |
| Dr. J. A. Craig, | 1 50 | |
| Office County Commissioners, postage, etc., | 13 87 | |
| | | $395 53 |

## RECAPITULATION.

### RECEIPTS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Orders drawn on Treasurer, | $25,679 00 | |
| Pay rolls drawn on Treasurer, | 292 06 | |
| County farm receipts, | 1,182 ~~03~~ 23 | |
| Miscellaneous receipts, | 579 06 | |
| | | $27,732 32 |

### EXPENDITURES.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Ordinary expenses of county farm, | $5,574 99 | |
| Support and aid to outside poor, | 12,148 91 | |
| Court house, fuel, attending steam works, etc., | 673 52 | |
| Jail and house of correction, board of prisoners, grading grounds, etc., | 2,913 22 | |
| Sheriff and Deputies, salary, services and fees, | 537 22 | |
| Coroners' inquests, costs and expenses, | 155 49 | |
| Police and Justice courts, fees of officers and witnesses, | 194 63 | |
| Printing, blank records and stationery, | 271 01 | |
| Bonds, notes and interest, | 3,407 50 | |
| Miscellaneous expenses, | 395 53 | |
| Cash paid into county treasury, | 1,460 30 | |
| | | $27,732 32 |

## INVOICE.

### Personal Property at County Farm April 1, 1886.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Live Stock, | $2,127 00 | |
| Farm produce, | 1,479 70 | |
| Provisions and supplies, | 636 52 | |
| Clothing, | 77 44 | |
| Household furniture, | 1,558 40 | |
| Farming tools, | 934 93 | |
| | | $6,813 99 |
| Inventory April 1, 1885, | | 6,275 50 |
| Increase, | | $538 49 |

## COST OF SUPPORT OF PAUPERS AT THE FARM

### From May 1, 1885, to May 1, 1886.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Inventory of personal property April 1, 1885, | $6,275 50 | |
| Ordinary current expenses of county farm and almshouse (not including cost of additions and improvements amounting to $785 90 and added to the investment), | 4,689 09 | |
| Interest on investment ($41,219.17) at 5 per cent., | 2,060 96 | |
| | | $13,025 55 |
| Inventory of personal property April 1, 1886, | $6,813 99 | |
| County farm receipts, | 1,182 03 | |
| | | $7,996 02 |
| Total costs, | | $5,029 53 |

Average number of inmates, 64.

Number of weeks' board furnished to inmates and employes, 3331.

Average cost per week, $1.461.

## SUMMARY EXHIBIT.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cost of support of paupers at county almshouse, | $4,689 09 | |
| Amount expended for additions, etc., and added to the investment, | 785 90 | |
| Costs of relief to outside poor, | 12,148 91 | |
| Total costs, | | $17,623 90 |
| Total costs for year ending May 1, 1885, | | 16,911 80 |
| Increase over 1885, | | $712 10 |

Deducting the amount added to the investment and the total cost is $73.80 less than in 1885.

## ESTIMATED AMOUNT AND VALUE OF PRODUCTS OF COUNTY FARM FOR 1885.

| | |
|---|---|
| Hay, first crop, 70 tons, | $1,120 00 |
| Hay, second crop, 8 tons, | 128 00 |
| Corn fodder, 25 tons, | 200 00 |
| Oat Straw, 20 tons, | 160 00 |
| Rye Straw, 6 tons, | 90 00 |
| Corn, shelled, 500 bushels, | 275 00 |
| Oats, 460 bushels, | 207 00 |
| Rye, 96 bushels, | 72 00 |
| Beans, 41 bushels, | 102 00 |
| Potatoes, 525 bushels, | 260 00 |
| Beets, for table, 10 bushels, | 5 00 |
| Turnips, 10 bushels, | 5 00 |
| Beets for stock, 225 bushels, | 112 00 |
| Onions, 12 bushels, | 9 00 |
| Sweet corn, 30 bushels, | 25 00 |
| Pop corn, 360 pounds, | 6 00 |
| Carrots, 10 bushels, | 5 00 |
| Parsnips, 3 bushels, | 1 50 |
| Salsify, 5 bushels, | 2 50 |
| Tomatoes, 20 bushels, | 10 00 |
| Cucumbers, 9 bushels, | 9 00 |
| Squash, 400 pounds, | 6 00 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Peas, 8 bushels, | $8 00 | |
| Cabbages, 200 heads, | 10 00 | |
| Celery, 125 bunches, | 6 00 | |
| Melons, 800 pounds, | 8 00 | |
| Apples, 62 barrels, | 28 00 | |
| Cider, 16 barrels, | 32 00 | |
| Butter, 2460 pounds, | 625 00 | |
| Cheese, 180 pounds, | 20 00 | |
| Lard, 300 pounds, | 30 00 | |
| Eggs, 50 dozen, | 10 00 | |
| Beef cattle sold, | 90 00 | |
| Beef sold, | 35 00 | |
| Beef, salted, 2281 pounds, | 160 00 | |
| Pork, salted, 6125 " | 368 00 | |
| Pigs sold, | 114 00 | |
| Poultry, 180 pounds, | 25 00 | |
| Pickles and canned fruit, | 30 00 | |
| | | $4,409 00 |

# RECORD OF PAUPERS AT ALMSHOUSE, FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1886.

| NAME. | Age. | Received from. | Date of Admission. | Nationality. | REMARKS. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| MALES. | | | | | |
| Allen, Henry C. | 56 | Fitzwilliam | April 21, '85 | American | |
| Anderson, Charles | 58 | Harrisville | May 9, '77 | Swede | |
| Barrett, E. L. | 20 | Hinsdale | Nov. 22, '84 | American | Discharged May 1, 1885. |
| Barrett, Martin | 26 | Keene | Oct. 2, '85 | | Discharged April 24, 1886. |
| Bolster, Wm. W. | | Gilsum | Jan. 18, '86 | American | |
| Birch, Charles | 1 | Harrisville | April 20, '85 | American | Discharged August 19, 1885. |
| Burpee, A. E. | 49 | Dublin | Dec. 13, '75 | American | Insane. |
| Burns, Charles | 61 | Keene | Nov. 26, '84 | Irish | Absent from July 9, 1885, to Sept. 6. |
| Bates, Eddy | 11 | Hinsdale | Jan. 18, '86 | American | |
| Bates, Archie | 9 | Hinsdale | Dec. 24, '85 | American | |
| Bates, Charles | 5 | Hinsdale | Dec. 24, '85 | American | |
| Bates, Forest | 2 | Hinsdale | Dec. 24, '85 | American | |
| Collins, E. B. | 70 | Fitzwilliam | Dec. 5, '84 | American | Absent from July 2 to Nov. 28, 1885. |
| Crosby, Benj. | 31 | Surry | Dec. 12, '77 | American | |
| Donally, John | 35 | Troy | Dec. 15, '85 | Irish | Discharged March 26, 1886. |
| Eastman, Wm. | 74 | Keene | Mar. 19, '82 | American | Discharged June 24, 1885. |
| Fields, Charles | 11 | Winchester | Aug. 25, '84 | American | |
| Fitzgerald, John | 56 | Jaffrey | April 1, '69 | Irish | Died September 15, 1885. |
| Flemming, Charles | 70 | Hinsdale | April 17, '75 | American | |
| Foster, R. J. | 59 | Marlboro' | Oct. 12, '80 | American | Died October 15, 1885. |
| Grimes, Hosea | 26 | Marlow | July 6, '71 | American | |
| Guillow, R. E. | 26 | Gilsum | Aug. 17, '85 | American | Discharged March 17, 1886. |
| Handy, Alpheus | 56 | Fitzwilliam | Dec. 3, '73 | American | Insane. Supported by guardian. |
| Hill, Fred E. | 29 | Westmoreland | July 7, '84 | American | |
| Keyes, Amasiah | 36 | Alstead | Oct. 1, '85 | American | Ran away October 8, 1885. |

| NAME. | Age. | Received from. | Date of Admission. | Nationality. | REMARKS. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| King, Henry | 6 | Jaffrey | Mar. 19, '85 | French | Discharged July 3, 1885. |
| Lakin, Parker | 77 | Swanzey | Jan. 20, '85 | American | Died February 8, 1886. |
| Leedham, Tommey | 2 | Jaffrey | Nov. 16, '85 | French | |
| Laport, J. C. | 13 | Fitzwilliam | Mar. 3, '85 | French | Discharged August 7, 1885. |
| Miles, Jonas | 60 | Fitzwilliam | July 29, '75 | American | |
| Mann, James | 54 | Nelson | June 25, '84 | Irish | Discharged May 2, 1885. |
| Mansfield, Larry | 36 | Walpole | April 16, '85 | Irish | Died March 12, 1886. |
| Martin, Alvin | 79 | Richmond | June 27, '84 | American | |
| Marsh, David | 67 | Keene | June 1, '84 | American | |
| McCarney, Wm. | 60 | Stoddard | Oct. 26, '75 | Irish | |
| Murray, James | 80 | Keene | April 27, '86 | Irish | |
| Nash, Henry | 10 | Walpole | Nov. 5, '81 | American | |
| Newton, M. F. | 43 | Alstead | Dec. 25, '68 | American | Insane. |
| Parks, J. L. | 52 | Richmond | Dec. 14, '82 | American | |
| Paladee, Joseph | | Troy | Nov. 5, '85 | French | |
| Putney, Henry | 5 | Rindge | Sept. 15, '85 | American | |
| Plummer, J. C. | 81 | Swanzey | April 25, '85 | American | |
| Porter, Walter E. | 4 | Hinsdale | Oct. 24, '82 | French | Discharged July 28, 1885. |
| Ruffle, Wm. | 60 | Keene | Aug. 30, '81 | American | |
| Riley, J. E. | 55 | Keene | Dec. 15, '85 | Irish | Discharged April 5, 1886. |
| Stack, James A. | 2 | Westmoreland | May 13, '84 | Irish | |
| Sheehy, John | 79 | Jaffrey | Mar. 3, '86 | Irish | |
| Thompson, Joseph | 75 | Keene | Jan. 18, '82 | American | |
| Ward, Ithamar | 77 | Swanzey | June 2, '82 | American | |
| Welch, Wm. | 74 | Winchester | Sept. 5, '84 | American | Discharged May 5, 1885. |
| Wood, Peter | 80 | Westmoreland | April 28, '86 | American | |
| Wilson, Josiah | 67 | Swanzey | Feb. 15, '82 | American | |

| NAME. | Age. | Received from. | Date of Admission. | Nationality. | REMARKS. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Withington, Seth | 72 | Chesterfield | Dec. 25, '84 | American | Died July 26, 1885. |
| FEMALES. | | | | | |
| Ballou, Nancy | 61 | Surry | Dec. 12, '77 | American | Insane. |
| Birch, Lenora | 27 | Harrisville | April 20, '85 | American | Discharged August 19, 1885. |
| Crane, Mercy | 76 | Alstead | May 24, '84 | American | |
| Callahan, Mary | 36 | Swanzey | Nov. 9, '85 | Irish | Insane. |
| Dickinson, Sarah | 59 | Winchester | Nov. 1, '70 | American | Insane. |
| Emmerson, J. A. | 75 | Keene | Nov. 12, '79 | American | Died May 10, 1885. |
| Fisk, Deborah A. | 45 | Hinsdale | Nov. 18, '67 | American | |
| Grimes, Mary | 20 | Marlow | July 6, '71 | American | |
| Gallagher, E. M. | Born | Westmoreland | Nov. 18, '85 | Irish | |
| Hale, Grace | 19 | Swanzey | Aug. 3, '83 | American | Insane. |
| Harrison, J. C. | 47 | Keene | Dec. 17, '84 | American | Discharged June 6, 1885. |
| Holbrook, J. S. | 39 | Fitzwilliam | April 27, '82 | American | Insane. |
| Howe, Emily F. | 89 | Jaffrey | June 20, '84 | American | |
| Jolly, Delia | 23 | Jaffrey | Nov. 16, '85 | French | Discharged December 12, 1885. |
| King, Rosy | 14 | Jaffrey | Mar. 19, '85 | French | Discharged July 3, 1885. |
| King, Fanny | 10 | Jaffrey | Mar. 19, '85 | French | Discharged July 3, 1885. |
| King, Josephine | 9 | Jaffrey | Mar. 19, '85 | French | Discharged July 3, 1885. |
| King, Katie | 8 | Jaffrey | Mar. 19, '85 | French | Discharged July 3, 1885. |
| King, Emma | 4 | Jaffrey | Mar. 19, '85 | French | Discharged July 3, 1885. |
| Laporte, Jane | 45 | Fitzwilliam | June 17, '84 | French | Discharged June 20, 1885. |
| Laporte, Ellen | 14 | Fitzwilliam | Mar. 3, '85 | American | |
| Livingston, Mary | 95 | Walpole | Dec. 15, '82 | American | Died October 4, 1885. |
| Lamore, Nora | 23 | Jaffrey | Nov. 16, '85 | French | |
| Pattie, | | Chesterfield | June 4, '67 | American | Died November 2, 1885. |
| Putney, Ella A | 31 | Rindge | Sept. 15, '85 | American | |

| NAME. | Age. | Received from. | Date of Admission. | Nationality. | REMARKS. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Putney, Etta M. | 3 | Rindge | Sept. 15, '85 | American | |
| Riley, Bridget | 46 | Swanzey | June 12, '73 | Irish | Died January 19, 1886. |
| Russell, Lucy P. | 48 | Jaffrey | June 30, '78 | American | Insane. |
| Russell, Mary E. | Born | Westmoreland | Nov. 17, '85 | French | Discharged December 12, 1885. |
| Smith, Anna | 75 | Winchester | Dec. 30, '68 | American | |
| Smith, Bridget D. | 46 | Swanzey | June 12, '72 | Irish | Insane. |
| Stack, Katie | 31 | Walpole | Mar. 6, '84 | Irish | |
| Stevens, Phœbe | 86 | Keene | Oct. 8, '83 | American | Died December 4, 1885. |
| Stratton, Martha | 47 | Rindge | Dec. 25, '68 | American | |
| Turner, Caroline | 33 | Fitzwilliam | May 13, '84 | American | Insane. Absent June 26 to July 10. |
| Thayer, Sarah | 20 | Keene | Dec. 14, '85 | American | |
| Whitcomb, Mary | 42 | Richmond | Aug. 18, '75 | American | Insane. |
| Woodcook, Rhoda | 90 | Richmond | June 30, '79 | American | Died September 2, 1885. |
| Willis, Mary | 22 | Winchester | May 16, '84 | American | |
| Wake, Stella | Born | Westmoreland | Jan. 31, '86 | American | |

## SUMMARY.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Number of inmates May 1, 1885, | 67 | |
| Number admitted for the year ending May 1, 1885, | 26 | |
| Total, | — | 93 |
| Number of inmates discharged during the year, | 23 | |
| Number of deaths, | 11 | |
| | — | 34 |
| Number of inmates May 1, 1886, | | 59 |

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WESTMORELAND, May 1, 1886.

I hereby certify that the foregoing statement pertaining to the county farm and almshouse, — of the receipts and disbursements, and the exhibit of the average cost per week to maintain each person, and the table of inmates,—are correct.

The method by which the average cost of support of each person per week is obtained, is clearly shown in the statement.

ASA A. WHITMAN,
*Supt. Cheshire County Farm.*

# SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

*To the Commissioners of the County of Cheshire:*

Having entered upon my third year as Superintendent of the farm and almshouse, I would thank the Commissioners for the kindness shown me since I first entered upon my trying duties. They have at all times provided such things as were necessary for use in and about the institution, and the articles provided have always been of good quality.

There have been some needed improvements made during the year just passed. There have been two water closets placed on the lower floor of the almshouse, one on the male and one on the female side of the house, and besides being much appreciated by the inmates, especially the old ladies, we are saved much annoyance by their use, and should not wish to dispense with them. The old cesspool has been moved farther away from the buildings and highway. A room has been fitted up in the almshouse for the Assistant Matron, and connected with the Superintendent's house and three of the dormatories by a vibrating telephone and electric call bells, making it convenient for the inmates to call for and receive assistance if sick or in trouble of any kind during the night.

We have been provided with two of the Crosby invalid bedsteads for use in the sick wards, and we find them very convenient both for the patient and those having the care of them; and I think that any institution of this kind after once using them would not wish to be without them.

I think the spring of water which was connected with the reservoir last fall, through an iron pipe, will so assist in the supply that in the future we shall have sufficient at all times and for all purposes.

The Assistant Superintendent and Matron have performed their duties in a faithful and satisfactory manner. I have received for distribution among the inmates quite a large quantity of reading matter, etc., and would kindly thank the contributors for their thoughtfulness in sending us books and papers in addition to such as are furnished by the county.

Respectfully submitted.

ASA A. WHITMAN, *Superintendent.*

Westmoreland, May 1, 1886.

# PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

*To the Honorable Commissioners:*

GENTLEMEN,—I submit my first annual report as physician to the Cheshire county almshouse.

Good health generally has prevailed during the past year, with an exception of a few weeks that required my daily attendance.

I have always found the wards in a neat and orderly condition, inmates well clothed, food properly cooked and a plenty for all, and rooms well ventilated.

The inmates and also their friends are especially indebted to the Superintendent, Mr. Asa A. Whitman, and Matron, Mrs. Whitman, for the kindness shown them. The manner of doing things is cheerful and exercising a care over them that is conducive to make their unfortunate condition more happy.

I would not forget the Assistant Matron, Mrs. Lucy A. Goodell. Her duties bringing her in actual contact with the female department, much tact and kindness has to be exercised in order to bring about a salutary discipline to accomplish her duties satisfactorily to her superiors and to the best interests of those in her charge.

Mr. George Butterfield remains as Assistant Superintendent, which is a sufficient guarantee of capability to fill his position.

Eleven deaths have occurred during the year; all old people, with the exception of two, who were middle aged and suffering from a chronic disease.

Three births have occurred during the year.

J. A. CRAIG, M. D.

Westmoreland, May 1, 1886.

# CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

Since last October I have, by request of Superintendent Whitman, conducted religious services as Chaplain in the chapel of the county almshouse as usual. Our divine Lord said when on earth, "To the poor the gospel is preached," and it is well that it is so now. The hearers all give respectful attention to the Word spoken unto them.

The unfortunate persons who are enjoying the benefits of this asylum are fortunate indeed, to find themselves in the care of so competent, genial and sympathetic persons as Superintendent Whitman and his wife, who seem to be especially adapted to perform the peculiar and very difficult duties of their position. Their cheerful presence is a benediction, and they will be kindly remembered as friends and benefactors by the recipients of their unwearied kindness.

Verily, it will be said of them, "Good and faithful servants."

Respectfully submitted,

JEHIEL CLAFLIN,
*Chaplain.*

East Westmoreland, May 1, 1886.

# SHERIFF'S REPORT.

*To the Hon. Board of Commissioners for the County of Cheshire:*

GENTLEMEN,—I herewith submit to you my annual report for the year ending May 1, 1886.

OCTOBER TERM, 1885.

*County of Cheshire to Horace A. Perry, Sheriff, Dr.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| To 10 days' attendance at court, $3.00, | $30 00 | |
| travel to attend same (18 miles), | 2 16 | |
| 15 days' attendance to R. J. Holt, Deputy Sheriff, $2.50, | 37 50 | |
| 7 days' attendance to S. O. Gates, Deputy Sheriff, $2.50, | 17 50 | |
| 13 days' attendance to Ira Gates, Messenger, $1.50, | 19 50 | |
| paid A. G. Grimes, conveying prisoners to and from court house, | 1 50 | |
| paid F. E. Keyes, bill goods for court room, | 2 44 | |
| paid C. E. Harrington, services as chaplain, | 2 00 | |
| paid John S. Walker, Deputy Sheriff's bill, | 11 70 | |
| paid Darling S. Swan, Deputy Sheriff's bill, | 16 75 | |
| paid H. A. Perry, Sheriff's bill, | 12 02 | |
| paid D. S. Willard, moving books, | 50 | |
| paid J. W. Babbitt, Deputy Sheriff's bill, | 10 93 | |
| one-half year's salary as Sheriff, | 100 00 | |
| | | $264 50 |

APRIL TERM, 1886.

*County of Cheshire to Horace A. Perry, Sheriff, Dr.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| To 18 days' attendance at court, $3.00, | $54 00 | |
| 18 miles travel to attend same, | 2 16 | |
| 18 days' attendance to R. J. Holt, Deputy Sheriff, $2.50, | 45 00 | |
| 18 days' attendance to S. O. Gates, Deputy Sheriff, $2.50, | 45 00 | |
| 18 days' attendance to Ira Gates, Messenger, $1.50, | 27 00 | |
| paid Chaplain, | 2 00 | |
| moving books, | 50 | |
| one-half year's salary as Sheriff, | 100 00 | |
| | | $275 66 |
| Total, | | $539 16 |

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE A. PERRY, *Sheriff.*

# JAILER'S REPORT.

*To the Hon. Board of Commissioners for Cheshire County:*

The following is a correct list of the number of prisoners committed to my custody in the jail, at Keene, since my last annual report.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Charged with | Assault, | 1 |
| " " | Assault on Officers, | 2 |
| " " | Murder, | 2 |
| " " | Larceny, | 4 |
| " " | Malicious Mischief, | 1 |
| " " | Fornication, | 1 |
| " " | Disturbing the peace, | 1 |
| " " | Insanity, | 2 |
| " " | Non-payment of fines, | 2 |
| " " | Breaking and entering, | 1 |
| " " | Cruelty to animals, | 1 |
| " " | U. S. prisoner, | 1 |
| " " | Safe keeping, | 2 |
| " " | Arson, | 2 |
| " " | Stealing horses, | 2 |
| Committed on | Writ, | 1 |
| | | 26 |

JONAS C. RICE, *Jailer.*

Keene, N. H., May 1, 1886.

REPORT OF THE

# MASTER OF THE HOUSE OF CORRECTION

AT KEENE.

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*To the Hon. Board of Commissioners for Cheshire County:*

The whole number of prisoners committed to the house of correction since my last report, May 1, 1885, is 42, of which 39 are drunks, 2 assault on officers, and 1 larceny.

I have collected fines and costs as follows and paid the same to the County Treasurer:

| | |
|---|---|
| John Burns, | $5 76 |
| James Venall, | 6 53 |
| James Munhall, | 25 87 |
| George Phillips, | 15 08 |
| | $53 24 |

JONAS C. RICE, *Master.*

Keene, May 1, 1886.

## REPORT OF THE

# MASTER OF THE HOUSE OF CORRECTION

## AT WESTMORELAND.

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*To the Hon. Board of Commissioners for Cheshire County:*

GENTLEMEN,—I herewith submit my second annual report as Master of the house of correction at Westmoreland for the year ending May 1, 1886.

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of convicts received, | 8 |
| Causes of commitment, viz: | |
| Drunks, | 5 |
| Theft, | 1 |
| Cruelty to children, | 1 |
| Disorderly conduct, | 1 |

Four were transferred from the house of correction at Keene by order of the County Commissioners.

There has been one escape.

We are able to utilize the labor of ordinary convicts sentenced for thirty days or more, at most seasons of the year, to the advantage of the county.

ASA A. WHITMAN, *Master.*

# SOLICITOR'S REPORT.

*To the Hon. Board of Commissioners for Cheshire County:*

GENTLEMEN,—I herewith submit my report for the year ending May 1, 1886.

During this time no moneys of the county have been received by me.

The appeal from the assessment of damages to the court house lot, caused by the widening of Centre street, has been adjusted. The only civil cause in which the county is now interested is a pauper case, involving a question of law which the supreme court has under consideration.

A majority perhaps of the criminal prosecutions have been for violations of the liquor law, most of which have been disposed of by payment of fines and costs. There have been, however, a number of prosecutions for graver crimes. The investigation of the Hunter murder case and the trial of the Page arson case have been the only criminal matters that have put the county to any considerable expense, and, on the whole, the expenditures in this department have been small.

The Jennings murder case is the most important criminal prosecution now pending.

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND P. DOLE.

Keene, May 1, 1886.

# REPORT OF CLERK OF COURT.

*To the County Commissioners for the County of Cheshire:*

The Clerk of the Supreme Court for said county makes the following report for the year ending May 1, 1886.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT OCTOBER TERM, 1885.

| *The County to E. Farrar.* | *Dr.* | |
|---|---|---|
| To Dockets for June Term, 1885, | $8 25 | |
| Dockets for this term, continued, | 37 00 | |
| Dockets for this term, new entries, | 16 50 | |
| printing cases for law terms, | 6 25 | |
| postal notices to attorneys, | 75 | |
| 12 Blank Record Dockets, | 42 00 | |
| 25 note books, | 11 25 | |
| stationery, postage, etc., for court, | 28 22 | |
| extending and certifying records, | 37 98 | |
| all other services chargeable to county, | 307 00 | |
| | | $495 20 |
| | *Cr.* | |
| By 189 entry fees at 90 cents, | $170 10 | |
| 10 Dockets at $1.50, | 15 00 | |
| 9 Dockets at $1.00, | 9 00 | |
| fine and costs in State v. O'Rourke, | 26 85 | |
| fine and costs in State v. Maynard, | 71 96 | |
| | | $292 91 |
| | | $202 29 |

APRIL TERM, 1886.

| *The County to E. Farrar.* | *Dr.* |
|---|---|
| To Dockets for December Term, 1885, | $6 75 |
| Dockets for this term, continued, | 39 00 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Dockets for this term, new entries, | $8 50 | |
| 400 blank orders of notice, | 3 75 | |
| printing cases for law term, | 13 75 | |
| 200 postals and printing, | 3 00 | |
| 200 blank chancery orders, | 2 25 | |
| stationery, postage, etc., for court, | 28 12 | |
| 500 post office envelopes, | 11 00 | |
| all other services chargeable to county, | 304 00 | |
| | | $420 12 |
| | *Cr.* | |
| By 88 entry fees at 90 cents, | $79 20 | |
| 2 jury fees at $5.00, | 10 00 | |
| 12 Dockets at $1.50, | 18 00 | |
| 8 Dockets at $1.00, | 8 00 | |
| fine and costs in State v. C. E. Sullivan, | 40 39 | |
| fine and costs in State v. J. H. Brown, | 79 03 | |
| fine and costs in State v. P. P. Woodbury, | 59 64 | |
| | | $294 26 |
| | | $125 86 |

I have received on peddlers' licenses the past year $70.00, for all of which, but $10.00 lately received, I hold the receipts of the State Treasurer.

E. FARRAR, *Clerk.*

Keene, May 1, 1886.

# TREASURER'S REPORT

OF THE COUNTY OF CHESHIRE,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1886.

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## CASH RECEIVED.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1885. | | | |
| May | 1, By balance in treasury, | $4,130 | 89 |
| June | 22, costs Dedham case, | 15 | 00 |
| | 22, fines from E. K. Seabury, | 30 | 00 |
| | 22, board C. Farnsworth, | 39 | 00 |
| July | 18, J. B. Abbott, grass on Mitchell place, | 6 | 00 |
| Aug. | 31, J. B. Abbott, Mary Livingston pension, | 24 | 00 |
| Oct. | 9, James H. Heald, fine Wm. Kennedy, | 5 | 00 |
| | 9, James H. Heald, fine G. Hobert, | 7 | 00 |
| | 9, James H. Heald, fine C. Hobert, | 3 | 00 |
| | 9, S. O. Gates, money refunded on pay roll State v. J. Miller, $6.42; Brown, $4.06, | 10 | 48 |
| | 19, J. C. Rice, fine and costs, Joseph Landers, | 5 | 76 |
| | 19, J. C. Rice, fine and costs, John Leonard, | 4 | 40 |
| | 19, J. C. Rice, fine and costs, Pat Foley, | 8 | 52 |
| | 19, J. C. Rice, fine and costs, Ira E. Withington, | 7 | 88 |
| | 20, H. F. Horton, fine, Thomas Phelan, Jr., | 10 | 00 |

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| Oct. 20, | H. F. Horton, fine, Cornelius Murphy, | $5 00 |
| 20, | H. F. Horton, fine, Joseph Morey, | 1 00 |
| 20, | H. F. Horton, fine, John Rolf, | 5 00 |
| 20, | H. F. Horton, fine, C. Murphy, | 5 00 |
| 20, | H. F. Horton, fine, Wm. Carliss, | 5 00 |
| 20, | H. F. Horton, fine, Jas. Mahoney, | 6 00 |
| 20, | H. F. Horton, fine, H. B. Streeter, | 10 00 |
| 20, | H. F. Horton, fine, Edward Currier, | 5 00 |
| 24, | J. C. Rice, fine, Abby Driscoll, liquor, | 76 74 |
| 24, | J. B. Abbott, board Chas. Farnsworth, | 39 00 |
| 24, | J. B. Abbott, town of Hinsdale, account L. B. Doolittle, | 7 50 |
| 24, | J. B. Abbott, town of Hinsdale, board E. L. Barrett, | 6 08 |
| 24, | J. B. Abbott, S. J. Hardison, error in milk bill, | 20 |
| 24, | J. B. Abbott, J. G. Bellows, telephone service, | 30 |
| Nov. 3, | J. B. Abbott, town of Swanzey, board Grace Hale, | 106 01 |
| 3, | J. B. Abbott, town of Winchester, board Geo. Doucette, | 39 00 |
| 3, | J. B. Abbott, board Alpheus Handy, | 198 50 |
| 9, | J. B. Abbott, town of Chesterfield, costs, | 7 04 |
| 21, | J. B. Abbott, stove sold, | 20 00 |
| Dec. 10, | Town of Surry, board Benj. Crosby, | 103 00 |
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| Jan. 23, | J. B. Abbott, stove sold, | 5 00 |
| Apr. 6, | H. F. Horton, fine, Martin Crate, | 1 00 |
| 6, | H. F. Horton, fine, John Dewey, | 3 00 |
| 6, | H. F. Horton, fine, L. Davenport, | 1 00 |

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| Apr. 9, | County Commissioners, rent of room in court house, | $7 | 50 |
| 13, | J. B. Abbott, town of Swanzey, board Grace Hale, | 86 | 75 |
| 13, | J. B. Abbott, board Alpheus Handy, | 198 | 92 |
| 15, | J. B. Abbott, town of Alstead, error in bill, | 4 | 00 |
| 17, | E. Kingsbury, town of Surry, board Benj. Crosby, | 93 | 40 |
| 20, | J. C. Rice, fines, John Burns, | 5 | 76 |
| 20, | J. C. Rice, fines, James Venall, | 6 | 53 |
| 20, | J. C. Rice, fines, James Munhall, | 25 | 87 |
| 20, | J. C. Rice, fines, Geo. Phillips, | 15 | 08 |
| 20, | J. B. Abbott, board Geo. Doucette and Georgianna Cook, | 62 | 83 |
| 22, | Ashuelot National Bank, money borrowed, | 2,000 | 00 |
| 30, | A. A. Whitman, account county farm, | 17 | 25 |
| 30, | J. B. Abbott, use of court house for police court, | 50 | 00 |
| 30, | J. B. Abbott, board Mary Livingston, | 16 | 00 |
| 30, | A. W. Burt, board Chas. Farnsworth, | 39 | 00 |
| 30, | Ashuelot National Bank, money borrowed, | 2,000 | 00 |
| 30, | Town of Alstead, tax, | 903 | 14 |
| | " Chesterfield, tax, | 914 | 23 |
| | " Dublin, tax, | 523 | 60 |
| | " Fitzwilliam, tax, | 778 | 57 |
| | " Gilsum, tax, | 534 | 68 |
| | " Harrisville, tax, | 523 | 60 |
| | " Hinsdale, tax, | 1,316 | 02 |
| | " Jaffrey, tax, | 1,310 | 48 |
| | " Keene, tax, | 9,460 | 60 |
| | " Marlboro', tax, | 958 | 54 |

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| Apr. 30, | Town of Marlow, tax, | $623 33 | |
| " | Nelson, tax, | 238 25 | |
| " | Richmond, tax, | 407 24 | |
| " | Rindge, tax, | 811 51 | |
| " | Roxbury, tax, | 91 42 | |
| " | Stoddard, tax, | 290 88 | |
| " | Sullivan, tax, | 315 82 | |
| " | Surry, tax, | 293 66 | |
| " | Swanzey, tax, | 1,174 73 | |
| " | Troy, tax, | 612 25 | |
| " | Walpole, tax, | 2,052 90 | |
| " | Westmoreland, tax, | 1,077 67 | |
| " | Winchester, tax, | 1,786 88 | |
| Apr. 30, | Suffolk Savings Bank, money borrowed, | 11,500 00 | |
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## EXPENDITURES.

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| Pay-roll No. 2, Petit Jurors, October term, 1884, | $6 40 | |
| " No. 1, Grand Jurors, October term, 1885, | 157 92 | |
| " No. 1, Petit Jurors, October term, 1885, | 176 44 | |
| " No. 2, Petit Jurors, October term, 1885, | 109 36 | |
| " No. 1, Grand Jurors, April term, 1886, | 3 80 | |
| " No. 2, Grand Jurors, April term, 1886, | 133 56 | |
| " No. 1, Petit Jurors, April term, 1886, | 3 20 | |
| " No. 2, Petit Jurors, April term, 1886, | 385 72 | |
| " No. 3, Petit Jurors, April term, 1886, | 542 36 | |
| " No. 9, State v. Geo. F. Atwood, | 4 06 | |
| " No. 5, State v. A. J. Harriman, | 1 37 | |

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| Pay-roll | No. 5, State v. Ellery Albee, | $2 33 |
| " | No. 2, State v. James O'Rourke, | 8 87 |
| " | No. 6, State v. Phillip King, | 2 93 |
| " | No. 11, State v. Wm. March, | 2 14 |
| " | No. 15, State v. A. Echard, | 1 37 |
| " | No. 20, State v. Lila F. Lawrence, | 1 25 |
| " | No. 14, State v. L. C. Doolittle, | 14 13 |
| " | No. 17, State v. Susan E. Field, | 9 20 |
| " | No. 1, State v. Chas. Moulthrop, | 4 66 |
| " | No. 3, State v. Town of Harrisville, | 18 62 |
| " | No. 4, State v. Arthur M. Burbank, | 13 69 |
| " | No. 5, State v. C. G. Maynard, | 10 23 |
| " | No. 6, State v. Ellery Albee, | 12 85 |
| " | No. 7, State v. Styles, Barker and Dunn, | 8 76 |
| " | No. 8, State v. Peter T. Baron, | 9 16 |
| " | No. 9, State v. James M. Solomon, | 1 37 |
| " | No. 10, State v. Geo. Metcalf, | 21 83 |
| " | No. 11, B, State v. A. Estella Hunter, | 104 14 |
| " | No. 12, State v. Abbie Driscoll, | 12 36 |
| " | No. 13, State v. Eliza Larvin, | 7 05 |
| " | No. 14, State v. Several parties, | 79 72 |
| " | No. 15, State v. A.W. Burbank, | 7 00 |
| " | Police court, State v. Henry De Bell, | 2 45 |
| " | Police court, State v. Joseph S. Bingham, | 2 00 |
| " | Police court, State v. Frank Brown, | 22 64 |
| " | Police court, State v. Jas. Miller, | 10 69 |
| " | Police court, State v. John and Eddie Cunningham, | 4 67 |
| " | Police court, State v. Peter Market, | 2 00 |

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| Pay-roll, | Police court, State v. John Burns, | $3 50 |
| " | Police court, State v. James Clark, | 3 50 |
| " | Police court, State v. Edward O'Neil, | 1 50 |
| " | Police court, State v. Julia A. Orne, | 1 50 |
| " | Police court, State v. Samuel M. Priest, | 4 90 |
| " | Police court, State v. Thomas Lavin, | 13 74 |
| " | Police court, State v. Fred W. Joslin, | 9 05 |
| " | Police court, State v. Stephen J. Harrington, | 18 32 |
| " | Police court, State v. Stephen J. Harrington, | 6 92 |
| " | Police court, State v. Nelson E. Haskell, | 10 11 |
| " | Police court, State v. Susan E. Field, | 3 00 |
| " | Police court, State v. Harry Deacon, | 2 68 |
| " | Police court, State v. Phillip Levine, | 6 48 |
| " | Police court, State v. J. Leonard, | 10 68 |
| " | Police court, State v. A. Estella Hunter, | 123 63 |
| " | Inquest on body, Eli J. Mayette, | 12 62 |
| " | Inquest on body, C. E. Hunter, | 60 87 |
| " | Inquest on body, Harriet Columbia, | 35 74 |
| " | Post mortem examination, Harriet Columbia, | 42 50 |
| " | Hosea W. Bingham, referee, one case, | 9 70 |
| " | Ezra M. Smith, referee, one case, | 15 20 |
| " | John T. Abbott, services before grand jury, | 25 00 |

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| Pay-roll, | Chas. H. Hersey, referee, one case, | $11 50 |
| " | L. Wellington, referee, one case, | 15 00 |
| " | Hosea W. Parker, referee, one case, | 16 30 |
| " | W. S. Ladd, referee, one case, | 121 35 |
| " | Ira Colby, referee, one case, | 31 00 |
| " | Boliver Lovell, referee, one case, | 27 75 |
| " | E. M. Forbes, referee, two cases, | 7 70 |
| " | E. Farrar, balance account as clerk of court, | 202 29 |
| " | Norman G. Nims, services as messenger, | 2 00 |
| " | G. W. Stearns, services and expenses as Co. Com'r, | 72 48 |
| " | Alfred W. Burt, services and expenses as Co. Com'r, | 307 70 |
| " | Elbridge Kingsbury, services and expenses as Co. Com'r, | 202 50 |
| " | Joseph B. Abbott, services and expenses as Co. Com'r, | 425 47 |
| " | Hiram Blake, referee fees, one case, | 19 40 |
| " | Chas. H. Hersey, referee fees, one case, | 25 00 |
| " | Josiah G. Bellows, referee fees, one case, | 13 00 |
| " | H. W. Brigham, referee fees, one case, | 12 40 |
| " | Elbridge Kingsbury, services and expenses as Co. Com'r, | 196 50 |
| " | Joseph B. Abbott, services and expenses as Co. Com'r, | 424 30 |
| " | Alfred W. Burt, services and expenses as Co. Com'r, | 165 15 |
| " | G. C. Hill, 6 months' salary as County Treasurer, | 100 00 |
| Town of Chesterfield, county paupers, | | 110 50 |

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| Sawyer & Burnham, repairs at court house, | $8 10 |
| G. H. Tilden & Co., books, stationery, etc., county offices, | 105 75 |
| J. R. Beal & Co., clothing for paupers at almshouse, | 46 52 |
| J. D. Colony & Sons, advertising, | 27 25 |
| Impervious Package Co., 3 dozen prison buckets, | 21 00 |
| J. C. Rice, board of prisoners and convicts at jail, | 113 57 |
| City of Keene, balance aid to county paupers, | 100 00 |
| H. O. Coolidge, services as County Auditor, | 10 00 |
| Samuel D. Bemis, services as County Auditor, | 10 00 |
| C. E. Wood, repairing ceiling of court room, | 5 95 |
| Davis, Wright & Co., work, material, etc., jail, farm and court house, | 69 78 |
| N. E. Telephone and Telegraph Co., telephone service, | 20 80 |
| A. A. Whitman, horse for county farm, | 160 00 |
| John Madden, extra rubber sheets for county almshouse, | 15 25 |
| Keene Water Works, use of water at court house and jail, | 29 34 |
| E. P. Dole, services as County Solicitor to July, 1885, | 125 00 |
| State Industrial School, board, clothing and instruction, | 178 50 |
| Chase & Richards, clothing for county paupers, | 3 73 |
| D. Wadsworth, board and clothing for Chas. Cornell, | 32 87 |
| Mrs. John Ryan, cleaning offices at court house, | 3 90 |

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| G. C. Hill, medical services to county paupers, | $18 75 |
| N. E. Telephone and Telegraph Co., telephone service, | 20 00 |
| Eames & Towne, grain for county farm, | 17 25 |
| G. W. Chamberlain, medical services at county farm, | 25 85 |
| J. B. Abbott, agent, two invalid bedsteads, etc., for county farm, | 70 00 |
| Keene Furniture Co., 1 desk and 1 case for County Commissioners' office, | 68 00 |
| Keene Gas Light Co., gas at court house, | 4 50 |
| D. D. Kepple, boiler grates, etc., | 9 91 |
| Suffolk Savings Bank, note and interest paid, | 2,047 50 |
| A. Smith, P. M., postage stamps and wrappers, | 11 48 |
| Nims, Whitney & Co., lumber, doors, etc., for county farm, | 37 52 |
| J. W. Cummings, services as keeper over prisoners, | 6 00 |
| A. B. & S. W. Skinner, oil cloth, feather duster, etc., | 11 75 |
| Wheeler & Sheldon, 1 ton phosphate for county farm, | 34 80 |
| Samuel O. Gates, collecting taxes on Mitchell place, 1885, | 3 64 |
| A. Thompson, phosphate for county farm, | 36 65 |
| Keene Window Screen Co., doors and window screens for jail and house of correction, | 34 25 |
| Davis, Wright & Co., 1867 feet tarred pipe for county farm, | 97 92 |
| W. D. Britton, work at court house, | 2 00 |
| G. W. Chamberlain, professional services at almshouse, | 5 50 |
| N. E. Haskell, painting at almshouse, | 40 00 |

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| J. Staples, conveyance C. Burns to almshouse, | $3 50 |
| G. E. Holbrook & Co., supplies to county farm, | 440 56 |
| Suffolk Savings Bank, interest on notes, | 450 00 |
| G. C. Hill, medical attendance, county paupers, | 18 75 |
| A. E. Fish, window and door screens for almshouse, | 5 00 |
| C. Bridgman, groceries for almshouse, | 25 10 |
| W. G. Hall, dry goods for almshouse, | 4 02 |
| W. P. Chamberlain, dry goods for almshouse, | 34 29 |
| Town of Dublin, county pauper claim, | 44 21 |
| Fred Taylor, county pauper claim, | 35 98 |
| Town of Fitzwilliam, county pauper claim, | 113 69 |
| Town of Alstead, county pauper claim, | 88 71 |
| Town of Gilsum, county pauper claim, | 287 37 |
| Town of Rindge, county pauper claim, | 179 54 |
| Isabel M. Hirsch, purchase of Hirsch lot, | 400 00 |
| Suffolk Savings Bank, interest on county note, | 230 00 |
| Town of Walpole, pauper claim, | 159 47 |
| State Industrial School, board, clothing and instruction, county scholars, | 172 50 |
| Town of Westmoreland, pauper claim, | 223 57 |
| W. P. Chamberlain, cloth to drape court house, | 5 16 |
| N. H. Asylum, board of county insane, | 1,188 43 |
| Town of Hinsdale, county pauper claim, | 263 85 |
| Town of Swanzey, county pauper claim, | 93 50 |
| Town of Marlboro', county pauper claim, | 292 06 |
| N. E. Observer, printing and publishing, | 35 30 |
| Bullard & Foster, medical supplies for almshouse, | 53 60 |
| Town of Richmond, pauper claim, | 175 47 |
| Town of Marlow, pauper claim, | 84 57 |

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| Sentinel Printing Co., printing and advertising, | $121 60 |
| Register of Probate, postage, etc., for probate office, | 5 50 |
| Town of Sullivan, pauper claim, | 41 07 |
| Boston Branch Shoe Store, boots and shoes for almshouse, | 32 85 |
| C. M. Cummings, boots and shoes for almshouse, | 10 83 |
| Chase & Richards, clothing for almshouse and jail, | 20 39 |
| Mary Ryan, cleaning court house, | 8 20 |
| Town of Stoddard, county pauper claim, | 281 56 |
| Town of Troy, county pauper claim, | 10 49 |
| Leon M. Abbott, attending to steam heater at court house, | 56 00 |
| Keene Gas Light Co., gas at court house, | 5 10 |
| Town of Winchester, county pauper claim, | 323 12 |
| L. Wellington, defending Garrett, police court, | 5 00 |
| Spencer & Co., coal and wood for county buildings and farm, | 1,056 97 |
| W. H. Spalter, stationery for court house offices, | 18 65 |
| C. C. Buffum, recording deeds, | 1 12 |
| A. A. Whitman, county farm expenses, | 1,146 85 |
| N. F. Dunbar, collector, Westmoreland tax on county farm, 1885, | 97 34 |
| J. S. Taft & Co., crockery for county farm, | 7 81 |
| Town of Roxbury, highway repairs, | 64 56 |
| Town of Chesterfield, county pauper claim, | 109 83 |
| Town of Jaffrey, county pauper claim, | 195 64 |
| Fisher & Newton, stone posts for county farm, | 25 00 |
| Knowlton & Stone, hardware for county farm and jail, | 63 91 |

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| Laton Martin, carriage hire from May 1 to October 1, 1885, | $42 00 |
| H. A. Perry, Sheriff, services and expenses of court, | 264 50 |
| H. A. Perry, Sheriff, State v. Clark and Burns, | 2 99 |
| J. C. Rice, board of prisoners in jail and house of correction, | 363 34 |
| J. C. Rice, tea and coffee urn for county farm, | 8 00 |
| City of Keene, county pauper claim, | 1,135 27 |
| J. A. Craig, professional services at county farm, | 50 35 |
| Sawyer & Burnham, work and material at jail and court house, | 111 54 |
| F. E. Keyes, seeds, etc., county farm, | 1 61 |
| Fisher & Jackson, furniture for court house, casket for Mrs. Emerson, etc., | 67 85 |
| N. E. Telephone Co., telephone for farm, court house and jail, | 26 25 |
| E.H. Fletcher, grading grounds at county jail, | 618 84 |
| Aaron Smith, agent, Harrisville, pauper claim, | 110 59 |
| H. W. Brown, painting at court house, | 3 25 |
| Hooper, Lewis & Co., record book for jail and house of correction, | 21 00 |
| Eames & Towne, grain for county farm, | 66 15 |
| Luke E. Joslin, sand and loam for grading jail grounds, | 114 82 |
| D. Hamilton, stationery for office of Register of Deeds, | 2 25 |
| A. P. French, surveying jail grounds, | 58 00 |
| Brown Bros. & Co., 1-3 doz. fixtures and 1 case W. C. paper, | 11 66 |
| Keene Water Works, water rent at jail and court house, | 24 00 |
| Mary Ryan, cleaning at court house, | 3 88 |

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| E. P. Dole, six months' salary as County Solicitor, | $125 00 |
| G. C. Hill, medical attendance, county paupers, | 18 75 |
| J. B. Abbott, sundry expenses and fees as special police justice, | 34 14 |
| W. P. Chamberlain, dry goods for county farm, | 86 08 |
| C. W. Wyman, beef tongues for county farm, | 8 75 |
| W. B. Fitch, wood for court house, | 6 30 |
| Boston Branch Grocery, goods for almshouse, | 29 95 |
| N. E. Telephone Co., telephone service, | 21 80 |
| Woodbury & Howard, furniture for county farm, | 41 70 |
| Davis, Wright & Co., material and labor at county farm and jail, | 329 80 |
| J. G. Bellows, 25 sets insolvency blanks, | 73 51 |
| C. Bridgman, 25 bbls. flour for county farm, | 117 50 |
| Bullard & Foster, medical supplies for county farm, | 12 68 |
| Chase & Richards, clothing for prisoners at jail, | 6 70 |
| G. H. Bridgman, examination account insanity, Barrett, | 3 00 |
| G. H. Bridgman, professional services for H. Ryan, | 7 00 |
| Keene Gas Light Co., gas at court house, | 15 60 |
| A. B. & S. W. Skinner, merchandise for almshouse and court house, | 17 75 |
| H. W. Hubbard, putting on locks at jail, | 4 00 |
| Keene Furniture Co., table for probate office, | 30 00 |
| Darling & Kimball, printing for probate office, | 7 25 |
| State Industrial School, board, etc., of county scholars, | 175 50 |

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| Eames & Towne, grain for county farm, | $37 95 |
| Geo. S. Foster, consultation with Dr. Craig on D. Kieser, | 3 50 |
| N. E. Telephone Co., telephone service, | 21 00 |
| Daniel Smith, officer's fees at inquest, H. Columbia, | 3 76 |
| C. F. Rowell, seal for County Coroner, | 6 25 |
| D. D. Kepple, labor and material at almshouse, | 25 84 |
| G. L. Burdett, grade stakes at jail, | 3 00 |
| G. E. Holbrook & Co., supplies for county farm, | 140 21 |
| C. Bridgman, soda for county farm, | 4 26 |
| Suffolk Savings Bank, interest on county note, | 450 00 |
| Town of Alstead, county pauper claim, | 149 41 |
| A. A. Davis, wood for court house, | 4 50 |
| G. C. Hill, professional services and medicine, | 16 75 |
| Town of Marlboro', county pauper claim, | 283 77 |
| Town of Fitzwilliam, county pauper claim, | 137 27 |
| J. A. Craig, medical service at county farm, | 42 70 |
| N. H. Asylum, board, clothing, etc., of county insane, | 1,293 13 |
| M. Armstrong, repairs at court house, | 16 75 |
| State Industrial School, board, clothing, etc., of scholars, | 175 50 |
| Darling & Kimball, printing for probate office, | 6 00 |
| J. M. Farnum, grain for county farm, | 21 80 |
| Mary Ryan, cleaning court house, | 6 43 |
| J. E. Heald, ice for court house, 1885, | 2 00 |
| Town of Nelson, county pauper claim, | 30 73 |
| Town of Stoddard, county pauper claim, | 287 75 |
| Town of Chesterfield, county pauper claim, | 138 80 |

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| Town of Troy, county pauper claim, | $200 | 16 |
| Town of Swanzey, county pauper claim, | 72 | 51 |
| Willard Bill, standing wood for county farm, | 55 | 00 |
| Town of Harrisville, county pauper claim, | 33 | 39 |
| Town of Marlow, county pauper claim, | 43 | 12 |
| Town of Winchester, county pauper claim, | 340 | 56 |
| H. F. Bond, repairs of almshouse building, | 7 | 20 |
| Town of Hinsdale, county pauper claim, | 296 | 30 |
| Town of Rindge, county pauper claim, | 129 | 40 |
| B. F. Atcherson, ox cart for county farm, | 57 | 35 |
| E. F. Gee, express, stationery and postage, probate office, | 5 | 70 |
| N. E. Telephone Co., telephone service, | 21 | 55 |
| Town of Richmond, pauper claim, | 144 | 70 |
| Spencer & Co., paint stock and supplies for farm and jail, | 82 | 51 |
| Bullard & Foster, medical supplies for almshouse, etc., | 18 | 33 |
| Town of Dublin, county pauper claim, | 22 | 36 |
| H. W. Thayer, officer's fees at police court, State v. A. E. Hunter, | 12 | 17 |
| Keene Chair Co., chairs for jail and house of correction, | 7 | 25 |
| Town of Gilsum, county pauper claim, | 241 | 58 |
| O. Sprague, 50 pairs blankets for jail and house of correction, | 87 | 50 |
| Eames & Towne, grain for county farm, | 51 | 20 |
| J. C. Rice, board of prisoners and convicts, | 300 | 00 |
| Charles Abbott, seed corn for county farm, | 4 | 50 |
| N. G. Nims, attending steam boilers at court house, | 75 | 00 |
| A. A. Whitman, services and expenses of county farm, | 891 | 33 |

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| Suffolk Savings Bank, interest on county note, | $230 00 | |
| Daniel Larabee, work at court house, | 1 88 | |
| C. E. Watkins, repairs at court house, | 2 70 | |
| Town of Walpole, county pauper claim, | 250 32 | |
| H. A. Perry, salary and services of Sheriff and Deputies, | 275 66 | |
| City of Keene, county pauper claim, | 1,527 01 | |
| J. C. Rice, board of convicts and prisoners, | 254 94 | |
| J. B. Abbott, postage, stationery, etc., | 19 12 | |
| Suffolk Savings Bank, note paid, | 11,500 00 | |
| | | $42,213 16 |

BONDS PAID.

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| To Bond No. 30, due October 1, 1885, | $200 00 | |
| Bond No. 31, " " | 200 00 | |
| Bond No. 32, " " | 200 00 | |
| Bond No. 33, " " | 200 00 | |
| Bond No. 34, " " | 200 00 | |
| Bond No. 35, " " | 200 00 | |
| Bond No. 36, " " | 200 00 | |
| Bond No. 37, " " | 200 00 | |
| Bond No. 38, " " | 200 00 | |
| Bond No. 39, " " | 200 00 | |
| Bond No. 40, " " | 500 00 | |
| Bond No. 41, " " | 500 00 | |
| Bond No. 42, " " | 500 00 | |
| Bond No. 43, " " | 500 00 | |
| Bond No. 44, " " | 500 00 | |
| Bond No. 45, " " | 500 00 | |
| | | $5,000 00 |

COUPONS PAID.

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| To 28 Coupons at $5.00, | $140 00 | |
| 23 Coupons at $12.50, | 287 50 | |
| | | $427 50 |
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RECAPITULATION.

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| Total receipts, | | $48,091 19 |
| Total court expenses, | $3,981 95 | |
| Total county farm and pauper expenses, | 17,450 30 | |
| Total jail and house of correction, | 3,069 79 | |
| Total salaries and expenses of county officers, | 2,399 61 | |
| Total printing and stationery, | 404 01 | |
| Total bonds paid, | 5,000 00 | |
| Total notes paid, | 13,500 00 | |
| Total interest paid, | 1,407 50 | |
| Total coupons paid, | 427 50 | |
| Total balance in treasury, | 450 53 | |
| | | $48,091 19 |

STATEMENT OF COUNTY DEBT.

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| Bonds outstanding due October 1, 1886, | $5,000 00 |
| Notes outstanding, Suffolk Savings Bank, Boston, | 31,500 00 |
| Notes outstanding, Ashuelot National Bank, Keene, | 4,000 00 |
| | $40,500 00 |
| Less cash in treasury, | $450 53 |
| Total indebtedness of the county, | 40,049 47 |

Respectfully submitted,

JEROME E. WRIGHT, *Treasurer.*

Keene, May 1, 1886.

CHESHIRE SS.

KEENE, May 18, 1886.

Having examined the foregoing accounts of Jerome E. Wright, County Treasurer, for the year ending May 1, 1886, and the orders, bonds, coupons and payments named therein, we find the same properly cast and legally vouched for, and a balance in the treasury of four hundred and fifty dollars and fifty-three cents ($450.53).

HENRY O. COOLIDGE,
SAMUEL D. BEMIS,
*County Auditors.*
JOSEPH B. ABBOTT,
ALFRED W. BURT,
ELBRIDGE KINGSBURY,
*Cheshire County Commissioners.*

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KEENE, May 18, 1886.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the County Commissioners and County Treasurer for the past year; also the bills, bonds, coupons and payments named therein, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched; and we further state that the sums named therein are according to the market value charged, and we believe the articles to have been used for the benefit of the county.

HENRY O. COOLIDGE,
SAMUEL D. BEMIS,
*County Auditors.*

# APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1886-7.

## 1886.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Court expenses, including police and justice courts, with which the county is chargeable, | | $5,000 00 |
| Court house, jail and house of correction, ordinary expenses, | | 2,000 00 |
| Pauper expenses,—at the almshouse, | $4,500 00 | |
| Outside poor, | 9,500 00 | |
| N. H. Asylum for the Insane, | 2,500 00 | |
| State Industrial School, | 500 00 | |
| | | $17,000 00 |
| Salaries and expenses of county officers, | | 2,000 00 |
| County record books, stationery and printing, | | 400 00 |
| Bonds and notes maturing, | | 7,000 00 |
| Interest on bonds and notes, | | 2,000 00 |
| | | $35,400 00 |

## 1887.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Court expenses, including police and justice courts, with which the county is chargeable, | | $5,000 00 |
| Court house, jail and house of correction, current expenses, | | 2,000 00 |
| Pauper expenses,—at almshouse, | $4,500 00 | |
| Outside poor, | 9,500 00 | |
| N. H. Asylum for the Insane, | 2,500 00 | |
| State Industrial School, | 500 00 | |
| | | $17,000 00 |
| Salaries and expenses of county officers, | | 2,000 00 |
| County record books, stationery and printing, | | 400 00 |
| Payment of notes, | | 7,000 00 |
| Interest and debt, | | 1,650 00 |
| | | $35,050 00 |

# REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# CHESHIRE COUNTY CONVENTION.

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CONCORD, N. H., June 10, 1885.

Pursuant to the requirements of the General Laws, the Cheshire county delegation met at room No. 5, State House, Concord, on the afternoon of June 10, 1885.

Convention was called to order by Senator Davis of Chesterfield.

On motion of Mr. Dickey of Alstead J. W. Sturtevant of Keene was elected Chairman, and on motion of J. W. Sturtevant, H. E. Wetherbee of Rindge was elected Clerk of the convention.

The County Commissioners were present and presented their report for the year ending April 30, 1885.

On motion, voted to adjourn subject to call of the Chairman.

A true copy, attest:

H. E. WETHERBEE, *Clerk.*

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CONCORD, N. H., June 25, 1885.

In compliance to call of Chairman Sturtevant the convention met at Room 5, State House, after adjournment of the House, June 25, 1885.

The Chairman and Clerk took the oath of office.

Voted to invite the first and second County Commissioners to meet the convention July 1 and 2, 1885, at Concord.

On motion it was voted to adjourn subject to call of Chairman.

A true copy, attest:

H. E. WETHERBEE, *Clerk.*

CONCORD, N. H., July 1, 1885.

In compliance to call of the Chairman the convention met at Room 4 in the State House after the adjournment of the House.

On motion, voted to visit the county farm on Friday, July 10, 1885.

Voted to adjourn subject to call of the Chairman.

A true copy.

H. E. WETHERBEE, *Clerk.*

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CONCORD, N. H., July 7, 1885.

In compliance to the call of the Chairman, the convention met in Room 4 in the State House, at 8 o'clock p. m.

The County Commissioners met the convention and submitted the following estimates and recommendations of money necessary to be raised to meet the current expenses of the said county for the years 1886 and 1887, to wit:

FOR 1886.

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|---|---|---|
| Court expenses including police and justice courts with which the county is chargeable, | | $5,000 00 |
| Court house, jail and house of correction, ordinary expenses, | | 2,000 00 |
| Pauper expenses,—at the almshouse, | $4,500 00 | |
| Outside poor, | 9,500 00 | |
| N. H. Asylum for the Insane, | 2,500 00 | |
| State Industrial School, | 500 00 | |
| | | $17,000 00 |
| Salaries and expenses of county officers, | | 2,000 00 |
| County record books, stationery and printing, | | 400 00 |
| Bonds and notes maturing, | | 7,000 00 |
| Interest on bonds and notes, | | 2,000 00 |
| | | $35,400 00 |

FOR 1887.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Court expenses, including police and justice courts with which the county is chargeable, | | $5,000 00 |
| Court house, jail and house of correction, current expenses, | | 2,000 00 |
| Pauper expense,—at almshouse, | $4,500 00 | |
| Outside Poor, | 9,500 00 | |
| N. H. Asylum for the Insane, | 2,500 00 | |
| State Industrial School, | 500 00 | |
| | | $17,000 00 |
| Salaries and expenses of county officers, | | 2,000 00 |
| County record books, stationery and printing, | | 400 00 |
| Payment of notes, | | 7,000 00 |
| Interest and debt, | | 1,650 00 |
| | | $35,050 00 |

On motion of Mr. Pattridge of Chesterfield, voted that the sum of $35,400.00 be raised for the expenses of the county for the year 1886.

On motion of Mr. Robertson of Hinsdale, voted that the sum of $35,050.00 be raised for the expenses of the county for the year 1887.

On motion of Mr. Hersey of Keene, voted to authorize the County Commissioners to fund the floating debt of the county at any time during the next two years if in their judgment they deem it advisable.

On motion Mr. Porter of Walpole, Henry O. Coolidge was unanimously chosen County Auditor.

On motion of Mr. Hersey of Keene, Samuel D. Bemis of Harrisville was unanimously chosen County Auditor.

On motion of Mr. Rawson of Gilsum, voted not to recommend the County Commissioners to insure the court house and jail buildings.

On motion of Mr. Porter of Walpole, voted to instruct the County Commissioners to continue the use of the house of correction the same as in the past.

On motion of Mr. Hersey of Keene, the visit to the county farm was postponed until Friday, July 17, 1885.

On motion of Mr. Gould of Keene, voted to adjourn subject to call of the Chairman.

A true copy, attest:

H. E. WETHERBEE, *Clerk.*

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CONCORD, N. H., July 28, 1885.

In compliance to call of the Chairman the convention met in Room 5 at 8 o'clock p. m., in the State House.

On motion of Mr. Putnam of Winchester, voted to authorize the County Commissioners to purchase the piece of land at the south of the jail lot in Keene if in their judgment they think best.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

*Resolved*, that the recent inspection by the county convention of Cheshire county of the county almshouse, together with the lands and buildings belonging thereto, shows a degree of care and attention to the wants of the inmates of said institution, and of general neatness, thoroughness of work and prosperity highly gratifying to the convention, and it hereby highly commends Mr. and Mrs. Whitman (the Master and Matron) of the institution for the faithful and conscientious manner in which they have discharged their difficult duties.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of the convention be instructed to spread this resolution upon the records of the convention and also to transmit a copy thereof to Mr. and Mrs. Whitman.

On motion of Mr. Putnam of Winchester, voted to adjourn subject to the call of the Chairman.

A true copy, attest:

H. E. WETHERBEE, *Clerk.*

CONCORD, N. H., August 12, 1885.

In compliance to call of the Chairman the convention met at Room 5 in the State House at 8 o'clock p. m.

On motion of Mr. Porter of Walpole, voted to adjourn sine die.

A true copy.

H. E. WETHERBEE, *Clerk.*